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STUDIES PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC) AND THE
INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES (ICAF), APRIL 9-22.

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1. INTRODUCTION

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A. THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY IS CURRENTLY PLANNING
ITS INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD
APRIL 9-22. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD GUIDANCE WHICH REQUIRES
THAT FIELD STUDIES BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL OR
GROUP RESEARCH EFFORTS, FIELD STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN
A MORE INDIVIDUALIZED MANNER THIS YEAR FOR BOTH NWC AND
ICAF, THE TWO CONSTITUENT COLLEGES OF NDU. FEWER NWC AND

ICAF STUDENTS WILL BE TRAVELING ABROAD THIS YEAR, TRIPS WILL BE OF SHORT DURATION, NOT MORE THAN TWO WEEKS IN LENGTH, AND CONSIST OF SMALL NUMBERS OF STUDENTS ENGAGING IN SPECIFIC LINES OF INQUIRY AND RESEARCH.

B. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WE SEEK MOST ECONOMICAL MEANS OF FULFILLING PURPOSES OF FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM. OWING TO

SEVERE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS THIS YEAR, MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP ECONOMY FOREMOST IN MIND IN SCHEDULING AND ARRANGING FOR MINIMUM COST, ADEQUATE LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION.

2. NWC

A. ALL NWC STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDIES WILL HAVE TAKEN AN INTENSIVE COURSE ON AREAS TO BE VISITED. AREA COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH UNDERSTANDING OF MAJOR STRATEGIC, MILITARY, POLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL TRENDS OF AREAS AS THEY AFFECT US SECURITY INTERESTS. IN ADDITION TO EXAMING THIS BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES, EACH STUDENT IS BEING ASSIGNED ONE SPECIFIC TOPIC FOR IN-DEPTH RESEARCH AND STUDY, USING INFORMATION AND DATA OBTAINED DURING FIELD STUDY FOR PREPARATION OF REQUIRED ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS.

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B. NWC STUDENTS WOULD WELCOME BRIEFINGS FROM US MISSION CHIEF OR MEMBERS OF HIS SENIOR STAFF AND WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO MEET WITH TOP HOST COUNTRY CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING CHIEF OF STATE AND MINISTER IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND ADVISABLE, BUT SUCH MEETINGS ARE LEFT ENTIRELY TO THE DISCRETION OF THE MISSION. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL REQUEST A NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS TO ENABLE INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS TO PURSUE SPECIALIZED LINES OF RESEARCH.

C. WE WILL LOOK TO MISSIONS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL ON BEST AND MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO ACHIEVE BROADER EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF FIELD STUDIES, ESPECIALLY IN CERTAIN HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREAS SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, MILITARY STRATEGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. A MORE DETAILED OUTLINE OF OUR SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS IN YOUR COUNTRY WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

3. ICAF

THIS YEAR THE ICAF HAS INTRODUCED A GROUP RESEARCH PROGRAM IN WHICH STUDENTS ANALYZE THE KINDS OF TOUGH, REAL-WORLD

PROBLEMS THAT WILL CONFRONT THEM AS SENIOR DEFENSE MANAGERS. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED INTO TASK FORCE STUDY GROUPS. BASED ON RESEARCH PLANS DEVELOPED BY THE STUDY GROUPS, VISITS TO SPECIFIC NATIONAL SECURITY-RELATED AND DEFENSE-RELATED INSTITUTIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES OVER WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED LOCALLY OR DOMESTICALLY. THE PROPOSED FOREIGN VISITS WILL AVERAGE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN DURATION. THE TRAVEL WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SMALL GROUPS OF

GENERALLY FROM 2 TO 6 STUDENTS.

4. ITINERARIES

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A. NWC GROUP-13 WILL CONSIST OF EIGHT STUDENTS AND ONE FACULTY (WE DO NOT INTEND TO HAVE A SENIOR MILITARY OR DIPLOMATIC TRIP LEADER.) MEMBER AND WILL VISIT YOUR COUNTRIES WITH THE PLANNED FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

9 APRIL - ARRIVE TOKYO
14 APRIL - DEPART TOKYO FOR SEOUL
17 APRIL - DEPART SEOUL FOR HONG KONG
19 APRIL - DEPART HONG KONG FOR MANILA
21 APRIL - DEPART MANILA FOR HONOLULU

B. ICAF PLANS FOR TWO STUDENTS TO VISIT TOKYO FROM 13-16 APRIL TO RESEARCH SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST. DETAILED PLANS CONCERNING THEIR RESEARCH TOPIC AND SCHEDULE WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY. ICAF WILL NOT VISIT SEOUL, HONG KONG OR MANILA THIS YEAR.

5. CONTROL OFFICERS

A. DUE TO THE DIVERSE NATURE OF THE RESEARCH EFFORT OF THE TWO COLLEGES AS IT RELATES TO THE FOREIGN TRAVEL, MISSIONS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DESIGNATING SEPARATE MISSION CONTROL OFFICERS FOR EACH COLLEGE. REQUEST NAME, POSITION, ADDRESS AND OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OF CONTROL OFFICER DESIGNATED FOR EACH COUNTRY AND MISSION.

B. NWC FACULTY CONTROL OFFICER FOR NWC-13 WILL BE DR. THOMAS W. ROBINSON, GS-15, TELEPHONE 202-693-8304.

6. REQUEST THAT COMMANDANT, ICAF (TOKYO ONLY) AND COMMANDANT, NWC, BOTH WASHINGTON, D.C., BE MADE INFO ADDRESSEES ON REPLIES TO THIS MESSAGE AND THAT SUBJECT LINE OF EACH MESSAGE FOR NWC CONTAIN NWC TRIP NUMBERS;
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FOR EXAMPLE, NWC-13.

7. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES THESE NDU FIELD STUDIES AS INDICATED REF A. REQUEST APPROACH BE MADE TO HOST GOVERNMENT AS REQUIRED. UPON RECEIPT OF REPLIES TO THIS MESSAGE, DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH ICAF AND NWC IS AUTHORIZED WITH INFO COPIES TO STATE, JCS, AND OASD/ISA. AS A SUPPLEMENT TO MESSAGE TRAFIC, MISSION CONTROL OFFICERS MAY UTILIZE THE NWC AUTOMATIC ANSWERING DEVICE (AREA CODE 202, NUMBER 693-1388; AUTOVON 223-1388) TO LEAVE RECORDED MESSAGES THAT ARE TIME-SENSITIVE. THIS DEVICE IS IN OPERATION TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY. IT IS

MONITORED DURING EXTENDED HOURS FROM 1 APRIL 1978 THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF OVERSEAS TRAVELS BY NWC PERSONNEL.

8. LETTERS WITH MORE DETAIL ON RECOMMENDED SCHEDULES WILL FOLLOW TO MISSIONS CONCERNED AFTER RESPONSES TO THIS MESSAGE RECEIVED.

9. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE BY MARCH 3, 1978. VANCE

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